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STATEWIDE JOBLESSNESS CONTINUES TO FALL

Michigan's unemployment rate dropped by five-tenths of a percentage point as the jobless rate declined from 7.4 percent in August to 6.9 percent in September. The rate decrease represents 34,000 fewer individuals out of work, as total local residents seeking employment fell to 315,000. The reduction in joblessness was primarily a result of seasonal decline in the labor force. College students who were seeking or holding temporary summer jobs, dropped from the labor force and returned to school. Total employment in September registered a downward movement as the number of employed state residents receded by 83,000 to reach 4,265,000. Additionally, the civilian labor force declined to 4,579,000, a drop of 118,000. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has dipped by 5,000, while the size of the labor force has increased by 35,000. In September 1989, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 344,000, representing an unemployment rate of 7.5 percent.

JOB LEVEL REBOUNDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Michigan increased as industry jobs expanded to 3,919,000 in September. Employment opportunities climbed by approximately 36,000 as gains were centered in both the goods producing and service producing sectors of the economy. Total employment in the goods producing industries edged upward by 9,000 primarily as a result of gains in the automobile and auto-related manufacturing industries. Service producing employment advanced by 28,000 to 2,821,000 in September, as governmental gains easily offset small losses in the trade and services industries. Public sector positions jumped by 42,000 as educational facilities returned to full capacity following the summer vacation. Since September 1989, industry employment in Michigan has decreased by 21,000 positions or one-half of one percent. Approximately 36,000 goods producing jobs have been lost throughout the year, while service producing employment advanced by 15,000.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	SEP 1990	AUG 1990	JUL 1990	SEP 1989
PLACE OF RESIDENCE *				
Civilian Labor Force	4579	4697	4689	4614
Employment	4265	4348	4326	4270
Unemployment	315	349	363	344
Rate	6.9	7.4	7.7	7.5
PLACE OF WORK *				
Wage and Salary Employment	3919	3883	3898	3940
Goods Producing Industries	1098	1089	1093	1134
Construction	145	145	147	151
Manufacturing	944	936	936	972
Durable Goods	707	698	699	733
Lumber and Wood Products	16	16	16	16
Furniture and Fixtures	36	36	36	36
Stone, Clay and Glass	18	18	18	18
Primary Metals	43	42	42	45
Fabricated Metals	122	121	121	125
Industrial Machinery	121	121	121	126
Electrical Machinery	33	33	33	35
Transportation Equipment	292	285	287	308
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	274	266	268	288
Nondurable Goods	236	238	237	239
Food and Kindred Products	48	49	48	48
Textiles and Apparel	21	21	21	22
Paper and Allied Products	20	21	21	21
Printing and Publishing	45	45	44	44
Chemicals and Allied Products	45	46	46	45
Rubber and Misc. Plastics	52	51	51	53
Service Producing Industries	2821	2793	2804	2806
Trans., Comm. and Utilities	156	156	156	153
Wholesale Trade	200	201	203	200
Durable Goods	126	127	129	129
Nondurable Goods	73	74	75	71
Retail Trade	728	736	739	730
General Merchandise Stores	106	106	107	108
Food Stores	103	104	105	103
Auto. Dealers and Serv. Stns.	79	79	80	80
Apparel and Access. Stores	41	41	41	41
Eating and Drinking Places	258	264	264	256
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	193	195	195	190
Services	925	927	926	912
Hotels and Lodging Places	34	36	36	34
Personal Services	39	39	39	38
Business Services	178	177	176	176
Health Services	296	297	297	290
Social Services	59	57	59	58
Government	619	577	586	620
Federal	62	62	66	62
State	160	152	152	157
Local	398	363	368	401
Labor Disputes	0	0	0	0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics - 1989 Benchmark.
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the cooperative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program - March 1989 Benchmark.
Suppressed data included in: X=Totals, A=Other Durable Goods, B=Other Nondurable Goods.
Due to the suppression of data, the industry estimates do not sum to the total wage and salary estimate.
***DATA IS IN THOUSANDS**

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits decreased in the month of September. The regular benefits claims load averaged 86,267 per week during the month, approximately 12,671 less than the August total. The 12.8 percent decrease was primarily due to the beginning of the school year and the rehiring of the hourly workers in the educational institutions. In September 1989, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 84,524.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Michigan			Detroit		
	Total	Initial	Continued	Total	Initial	Continued
September 01, 1990	110,900	18,300	92,600	51,900	9,000	42,900
September 08, 1990	93,900	12,000	81,900	41,600	5,400	36,200
September 15, 1990	92,700	14,800	77,900	40,000	6,500	33,500
September 22, 1990	87,800	12,100	75,700	37,500	5,100	32,400
September 29, 1990	100,100	19,400	80,700	43,300	7,900	35,400

DETROIT AREA COST OF LIVING MOVES UPWARD

Consumer prices in the Detroit metropolitan area increased from 127.7 in July to 129.4 in August. The increase in Detroit area prices was primarily due to higher costs for housing, transportation and apparel and upkeep. Prices in the area climbed by 5.9 percent since August 1989, when the consumer price index stood at 122.2. At the national level, the cost of living advanced by eight-tenths of a percent to reach 132.7 during the month of September. The higher national prices were also due to additional costs for apparel and upkeep and transportation. Between September 1989 and September 1990, national consumer prices increased by 6.2 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 125.0. Note: Beginning in January 1987, the Consumer Price Indexes were shifted to a new reference base year. All indexes expressed on a 1967=100, were rebased to 1982-1984=100.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan workers in manufacturing industries increased to 43.0 hours in September. The increase occurred primarily as a result of additional hours worked by individuals in the auto and auto-related industries. During the month average hourly earnings rose by twenty one cents to $13.98, while average weekly earnings increased by $18.67 to total $601.14. In September 1989, earnings averaged $13.66 an hour or $588.75 per week for a 43.1 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Hourly Earnings a/		
	Sep 1990	Aug 1990	Sep 1989	Sep 1990	Aug 1990	Sep 1989	Sep 1990	Aug 1990	Sep 1989
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$601.14	$582.47	$588.75	43.0	42.3	43.1	$13.98	$13.77	$13.66
DURABLE GOODS	638.24	617.10	624.96	43.3	42.5	43.4	14.74	14.52	14.40
Primary Metal Products	659.43	643.50	621.35	43.7	42.9	43.0	15.09	15.00	14.45
Fabricated Metal Products	588.38	573.25	585.16	43.2	42.4	42.9	13.62	13.52	13.64
Industrial Machinery	599.28	584.55	588.29	44.0	43.3	44.1	13.62	13.50	13.34
Electrical Machinery	509.12	506.61	481.24	43.0	43.3	42.4	11.84	11.70	11.35
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	771.32	741.63	747.62	44.0	42.5	43.9	17.53	17.45	17.03
NONDURABLE GOODS	486.68	475.17	477.00	42.1	41.5	42.4	11.56	11.45	11.25
Construction	649.62	631.20	628.05	40.5	40.0	39.5	16.04	15.78	15.90
Department Stores	193.35	196.68	187.49	27.7	28.3	27.9	6.98	6.95	6.72

a/ Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
SEPTEMBER 1990 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
United States	124,779,000	117,961,000	6,818,000	5.5
Michigan	4,579,000	4,265,000	315,000	6.9
Major Labor Markets				
Ann Arbor MSA	163,300	156,400	6,900	4.2
Battle Creek MSA	66,000	61,300	4,700	7.1
Benton Harbor MSA	78,500	73,200	5,400	6.9
Detroit MSA	2,141,000	1,990,000	151,000	7.0
Flint MSA	182,800	168,200	14,600	8.0
Grand Rapids MSA	376,100	355,100	21,000	5.6
Jackson MSA	65,900	60,800	5,100	7.7
Kalamazoo MSA	120,700	114,900	5,800	4.8
Lansing MSA	237,800	225,000	12,900	5.4
Muskegon MSA	69,100	62,900	6,200	8.9
Saginaw-Bay-Midland MSA	188,000	175,600	12,400	6.6
Upper Peninsula LMA	143,800	132,700	11,100	7.7
Major Counties (18,000+)				
Allegan	59,925	56,725	3,225	5.4
Barry	22,825	21,250	1,575	6.9
Bay	54,000	50,300	3,600	6.7
Cass	24,725	22,925	1,800	7.3
Clinton	30,525	28,725	1,800	5.9
Eaton	52,675	49,950	2,750	5.2
Grand Traverse	37,200	34,950	2,250	6.0
Gratiot	18,925	17,625	1,300	6.9
Hillsdale	20,275	18,625	1,675	8.2
Ingham	154,625	146,300	8,325	5.4
Ionia	20,400	18,100	2,300	11.3
Isabella	33,850	32,275	1,575	4.7
Kent	274,700	258,825	15,875	5.8
Lapeer	33,950	30,825	3,125	9.2
Lenawee	44,225	41,125	3,100	7.0
Livingston	55,325	52,250	3,075	5.6
Macomb	374,450	347,650	26,825	7.2
Marquette	31,150	28,425	2,750	8.8
Midland	36,475	34,750	1,725	4.7
Monroe	63,325	59,200	4,125	6.5
Montcalm	23,900	20,825	3,075	12.9
Oakland	578,025	544,475	33,575	5.8
Ottawa	101,400	96,300	5,075	5.0
Saginaw	97,575	90,525	7,050	7.2
St. Clair	65,975	60,875	5,100	7.7
St. Joseph	27,950	25,225	2,725	9.7
Sanilac	20,500	18,850	1,650	8.0
Shiawassee	35,200	32,250	2,950	8.4
Tuscola	24,950	22,925	2,025	8.1
Van Buren	34,500	31,800	2,700	7.8
Wayne	969,775	894,950	74,825	7.7

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